

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2013-168-WS - ORDER NO. 2013-391

JUNE 18, 2013

IN RE: Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to	)	ORDER APPOINTING
Request an Order Requiring Tega Cay Water	)	HEARING OFFICER
Service, Inc. to Take Necessary Measures to	)	
Provide Adequate and Proper Service	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Motion filed by counsel for Tega Cay Water Service, Inc. ("Tega Cay") for Appointment of a Hearing Officer in Docket No. 2013-168-WS regarding the Petition filed by the Office of Regulatory Staff concerning Tega Cay's water and sewer service. We hereby grant Tega Cay's request. This appointment is in order that the hearing officer may dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-40 (Supp. 2012).

Section 58-3-40(C)(1) states that upon the request of any party or any commissioner, the commission may employ a hearing officer who may hear and determine procedural motions or other matters not determinative of the merits of the proceedings. Under (C)(2), the hearing officer has full authority, subject to being overruled by the Commission, to rule on questions concerning the conduct of the case and other matters. Under (C)(3), the officer must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years' practice experience.

We find that B. Randall Dong, Esquire, meets these qualifications, and we hereby appoint Mr. Dong as hearing officer in Docket No. 2013-168-WS. As hearing officer in this proceeding, we direct Mr. Dong to rule on appropriate matters in the case and dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters for the proceeding.

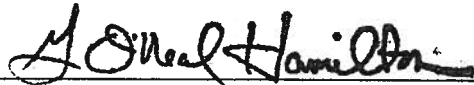
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. B. Randall Dong, Esquire, is hereby appointed as hearing officer in Docket No. 2013-168-WS for disposition of procedural and evidentiary matters.
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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